

Washington, DC - Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement after it was announced that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) are proposing to implement a rule that would require Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) who currently hold green cards without expiration dates to apply for new, updated green cards. Reports estimate that 750,000 legal residents would be impacted by the new policy.

“While the objective behind the new program is justifiable, the manner in which this rule would be implemented would negatively impact hundreds of thousands of legal residents. By putting them at risk of deportation and hindering their ability to gain employment, this new rule could very well create problems that are greater than the ones we’re currently trying to solve. The Department of Homeland Security’s plan regrettably fails to give current cardholders ample time and notice before their new policy is implemented. I call on the agency develop a new plan that is reasonable, effective and thorough, for the consequences of their careless plan are too great.”

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